

taking a buyout. The provision would be helpful in fostering a respectful workforce transition plan during this time at NASA.

Again, this is a bipartisan bill. I want to thank the Ohio delegation for supporting our establishment as well as this Congress for the work that they have done on this.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I will quickly conclude by saying that just because we have all talked nice here today and been civil and we have a bipartisan bill, doesn't mean that this was not a difficult bill to put together. A lot of work went into this, a lot of respectful collaboration on a bipartisan way. We have a good bill. I thank my friends for helping.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 6063.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING AND SUPPORTING THE HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and Labor be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 875 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 875

Whereas Mr. William A. Hadley, a high school teacher who lost his vision at the age of 55, and ophthalmologist Dr. E.V.L. Brown first welcomed students to the Hadley School for the Blind in 1920;

Whereas the Hadley School for the Blind's mission is to promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for blind people, their families and blindness service providers;

Whereas over the past 87 years, the Hadley School has grown to have an annual enrollment of more than 10,000 students from all 50 states and 100 countries;

Whereas the Hadley School for the Blind has a high school degree program, an adult continuing study program, and in 2008 will be launching the Hadley School for Professional Studies;

Whereas the Hadley School for the Blind offers a wide range of distance education courses for blind or visually impaired individuals who are at least 14 years of age, relatives of blind or visually impaired children,

family members of blind or visually impaired adults, and professionals in the blindness field;

Whereas there are more than 90 courses offered in Braille, large print, audiocassette, and online and students study in their own homes, at their own pace, completely free of charge; and

Whereas student Christine Gilson is bridging cultural boundaries by teaching visually impaired Chinese students English online: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the important and positive impact the Hadley School for the Blind has had on the lives of thousands of visually impaired people across the globe; and

(2) supports their mission to promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for blind people, their families and blindness service providers.

The resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY MR. ALTMIRE

Mr. ALTMIRE. I have an amendment to the preamble at the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. ALTMIRE:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

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Whereas student Christie Gilson is bridging cultural boundaries by teaching visually impaired Chinese students English online: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ALTMIRE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and Labor be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1440) expressing support for designation of the month of October as "National Work and Family Month," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1440

Whereas according to the report by WorldatWork titled "Attraction and Retention", the quality of workers' jobs and the supportiveness of their workplaces are key predictors of job productivity, job satisfaction, commitment to employers, and retention;

Whereas employees who have more access to flexible work arrangements enabling employees to balance family and work are significantly more satisfied with their jobs, are more satisfied with their lives, and experience less interference between their jobs and family lives than those employees who have less access to flexible work arrangements, according to the Families and Work Institute 2002 National Study of the Changing Workforce;

Whereas according to the 2004 report "Overwork in America", employees who are able to effectively balance family and work responsibilities are less likely to report making mistakes, or feel resentment toward employers and coworkers;

Whereas employees who are able to effectively balance family and work responsibilities tend to feel more successful in their relationships with their spouses, children, and friends, and tend to feel healthier;

Whereas 85 percent of United States wage and salaried workers have immediate, day-to-day family responsibilities outside of their jobs;

Whereas research by the Radcliffe Public Policy Center in 2000 revealed that men in their 20s and 30s, and women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, identified the most important job characteristic as being a work schedule that allows them to spend time with their families;

Whereas according to the 2006 American Community Survey, 47 percent of wage and salaried workers are parents with children under the age of 18 who live with them at least half-time;

Whereas job flexibility often allows parents to be more involved in their children's lives, and research reveals that parental involvement is associated with children's higher achievement in language and mathematics, improved behavior, greater academic persistence, and lower dropout rates;

Whereas the 2000 Urban Working Families study revealed that a lack of job flexibility for working parents negatively affects children's health in ways that range from children being unable to make needed doctors' appointments, to children receiving inadequate early care, leading to more severe and prolonged illness;

Whereas according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, breastfeeding is the most beneficial form of